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May 10, 2012

Office of General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463 MUR# 6576

Re: Violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act by Wright McLeod for Congress

I am in possession of information that gives rise to serioun questions about possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the "Act") and Federal Election Commission regulations by Wright McLeod for Congress. These allegations include stealing donor information from an opponent's cumpaign, the acceptance of excessive contributions, and failing to accurately and sufficiently disclose campaign expenditures. The sheer vehime and pattern of these violations suggest that the McLeod campaign is either incompetent or willfully disregarding the law—a troubling truth for a practicing attorney who now wishes to be entrusted with the public duty of making the laws. We urge the Commission to immediately investigate these matters fully and take any and all action necessary to remedy these violations and prevent additional violations of the law.

#### Violation #1: Stealing Donor Information

It has come to my attention that the McLeod campaign has used Rick W. Allen for Congress's proprietary donor information, most likely violating federal law by stealing this information from campaign finance reports filed with the Commission. I serve as the campaign manager for Rick W. Allen for Congress, and I am aware that Molly A Hargather and Wyche Thomas Green, Rick's daughter and son-in-law, received fundraising mail from the MoLeod campaign even though these individuals have never donated to, requested information from, or been involved with the McLeod campaign. In the case of Molly Hargather, the contribution to Rick W. Allen for Congress represents her first ever campaign contribution and in the case of Wyche Thomas Green, the first campaign contribution with this spelling of his name. See attached EXHIBIT A. The more conclusive evidence, however, is the fact that the punctuation used in their names and addresses is identical to that on the Allen campaign's FEC report, which differs from how their names appear in Department of Moner Vehicles, voter registration records or any provious compaign finance reports for separate campaigns. See attached Exhibit B. We believe that the only way thuse names and addresses could have been obtained is from FEC reports filed by the Allen compaign. As you know, it is a violation of federal law and Commission regulations to use the campaign finance reports of another committee for

fundraising purposes. 11 C.F.R. § 104.15; 2 U.S.C. § 438 (a)(4). We believe that these facts point clearly to the fact that the McLeod campaign violated the law.

### Violation #2: Acceptance of Excessive Contributions

The McLeod campaign reported in-kind contributions for rent on its April 15, 2012 Quarterly Report. For each month, four individuals (Bernard Dunstan, Margaret Dunstan, James Hull, and Barry Storey) made contributions of \$250 each for rent, totaling \$1,000 per month. Public records show that the space occupied by the McLeod campaign is 6,674 square feet, and the average rent price for comparable office space in the same area of Augusta is approximately \$11.50 per square foot per year. See attached EXHIBIT C. Therefore, the fair market value of the McLeod campaign's office space is more than \$6,000 per month, resulting in an in-kind contribution in excess of permissible contribution limits. Even if McLeod for Congress claims to use only a portion of the office space, I have knowledge that they are using far more than 1,043 square feet, which is \$1,000 per month worth of space in that area.

Based on information available in public records, it appears that the office space is owned by a Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). As part of this inquiry, we urge the Commission to investigate whether the use of the office space has been properly donated by the individual partners and not by the LLC itself, which would result in an excessive contribution from the LLC in addition to the individual members.

#### Violation #3: Failing to Properly Displose Expenditures

The McLeod campaign's FEC reports show numerous violations of Commission regulations pertaining to the reporting of coraributions and expenditures. These violations include:

- With respect to numerous in-kind contributions on the Year End Report 2011, the McLeod campaign does not provide a description of the disbursement. See attached EXHIBIT D.
- Several entries in the April Quarterly Report refer to "Wright McLeod for Congress Payroll." The report does not itemize the recipients of the payroll payments, nor does it identify the payee. Furthermore, it omits payments for payroll taxes, processing fees, and other associated expenses. See attached EXHIBIT E.
- The report contains numerous dishursaments for office supplies and other campaign exponses that appear to be reimbursements. These expenses are not identified as reimbursements and do not identify underlying recipients who may exceed the threshold for itemization. See attached EXHIBIT F.

### Conclusion

Due to the volume and pattern of these violations, which suggest either incompetence or willful disregard for the law, we urge the Commission to take actions to investigate these matters fully and to carefully review all aspects of operations of the McLeod campaign for other potential violations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional information that may be useful to the conduct of your investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

#### Scott W. Paradise, Complainant

I hereby swear and affirm that the facts presented in this complaint are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Sworn pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1001.

Scott W. Paradise

Subscribed and two to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Presented by the Federal Election Commission**

# Individual Contributions Arranged By Type, Giver, Then Recipient

## **Contributions to Political Committees**

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12/31/2001

1000.00

22020111880

**GINGREY. J. PHILLIP** VIA GINGREY FOR CONGRESS, INC.

09/04/2002

250.00

23990105849

GREEN, WYCHE CARROLLTON, GA 30117 **GREENWAY COMPANY/OWNER** 

GEORGIA REPUBLICAN PARTY

03/08/2006

2000.00

26940050924

GREEN, WYCHE CARROLLTON, GA 30117 GREENWAY MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES/PRE

WESTMORELAND, LYNN A. VIA WESTMORELAND FOR CONGRESS

09/14/2010

1000.00

10991377068

GREEN, WYCHE CARROLLTON, GA 30117 **GREENWAY SOFTWARE** 

**GINGREY. J. PHILLIP** 

VIA GINGREY FOR CONGRESS, INC.

10/20/2009

2400.00

10990360311

GREEN, WYCHE

CARROLLTON, GA 30117

GREENWAY SOFTWARE/PARTNER

**GINGREY. J. PHILLIP** 

VIA GINGREY FOR CONGRESS. INC.

08/02/2004 1000.00 1000.00 10/23/2006

02/05/2008

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26930604032 28991354487

2300.00

GREEN, WYCHE

CARROLLTON, GA 30117

GREENWAY SOFTWARE/PRESIDENT

**GINGREY. J. PHILLIP** 

VIA GINGREY FOR CONGRESS. INC.

06/24/2011

2500.00

11931840786

GREEN, WYCHE III

CARROLLTON, GA 30117

**GREENWAY MEDICAL** 

CHAMBLISS, C SAXBY

VIA CHAMBLISS FOR SENATE

03/21/2012

300.00

12020293892

GREEN, WYCHE THOMAS III

CARROLLTON, GA 30117

GREENWAY MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES/PRE

BARROW, JOHN J.

VIA FRIENDS OF JOHN BARROW

06/30/2010

1000.00

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GREEN, WYCHE THOMAS MR. III

CARROLLTON, GA 30117

**GREENWAY MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES/SOF** 

ALLEN, RICHARD W

VIA RICK W ALLEN FOR CONGRESS

10/06/2011

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Total Contributions: 17250.00

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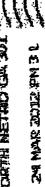
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Mrs. Molly A Hargather

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PO Box 2206

Atlanta, GA 30318

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Exhibit B.



March, 2012

Mrs. Molly A Hargather

Atlanta, GA 30318

Dear

2012 is shaping up to be one of the most important election years in our Country's history, as the outcome will shape our Nation for years, if not decades, to come. When Americans go to the polls, they will be selecting the leaders they think can save our great Nation from evolving into something our Founding Fathers could never have imagined. I want the opportunity to be your next leader.

I am a Republican running to replace Congressman John Barrow and to represent Georgia's new 12th District. I am a constitutional conservative, committed to strengthening national security, creating more jobs for American workers, reducing the national debt, and decreasing the size of government. I am not a professional politician, and I am not running to satisfy an ego. I am running to make a difference. As a Veteran, I am running to continue my service to my Country and to create a better future for my three children and yours.

I believe in the patriotic principle of service before self, and this principle has guided me throughout life. I graduated from the United States Naval Academy, retired as a Commander after 20 years of service, and now run a successful real estate law firm. In the Navy, I flew the F-14 Tomcat. I served in combat during Operation Desert Storm, and I have flown 53 combat missions. As a Naval Officer, an attorney, a municipal judge, and a small business owner. I have an unequaled record of leadership and service, and I know I will be the best advocate for the 12th District in D.C.

I am writing to you today to introduce myself and to ask for your help. The incumbent has served in elected office for over two decades and has built-in name recognition and financial support from the Democrats in Atlanta and Washington, D.C. John Barrow has worked hard to push President Obama's liberal agenda and he will be a tough opponent. However, with your support, we can beat him in 2012 and end the Democrats' hold over the 12th District.

To get our message out to the voters, I hope you will consider investing in the future of our great Nation by investing in me. Your financial support will enable us to spread the word directly to the voters of the 12th and ensure that a bold, courageous conservative is elected to represent you. A gift of \$500, \$250, \$100, or even \$25 can make a big difference.

I will work tirelessly to earn and keep your trust and strive to bring strong character, integrity; and leadership back to Washington, D.C.

Fly, Fight, Win,

Wright McLeod

P.S. Donations in any amount are appreciated – use the enclosed envelope and send yours in today!

P.P.S. Please visit www.WrightMcLeod.com to get more information or to make an on-line contribution.



March, 2012

Mr. Wyche Thomas Green, III

Carrollton, GA 30117

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Office Property Fer Lease

### 3515-C Wheeler Road

3515-C Wheeler Road, Augusta, GA 30909



Total Space Available:

3,500 SF

Rental Rate:

\$3,208,33 /Month

Property Type:

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Property Sub-type:

Office Building

Building Size: **Building Class:**  7.000 SF

Year Built:

1984

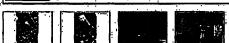
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\$3,208,33 /Month

Space Type:

Office Building

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Modified Gross

#### Description

Approximately 3,600 sq. ft. office space for lease (includes common areas and restrooms) for \$3,208.33 per month. All electric; tenant pays for utilities including % of electricity usage, % of water unage (TBD by # of occupants in each suite), telephone & internet, interior janitorial services and liability insurance. Landlord pays for garbage, landscaping, exterior building insurance and property taxes. Property is zoned 8-2, General Business; per the Richmond County Planning & Zoning Department,

Building C, \$515 Wheeler Road is located adjacent to the Wheeler Road Meybohm Realtors office to the west and Gardner Greene Baptist Church on the east. It is commented to located near the Augusta Exchange Shooping Center, Walton Way Ext., Abercorn Lane and I-520, Nearby businesses include Georgia Bank & Trust Co., Whether Executive Center, First Bank, Wachovia, Doctors Hospital and various other retail and commercial establishments. Presented by



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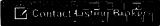
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# Office Space - Wheeler Rd, Augusta, GA 30909

3665 Wheeler Rd, Augusta, GA 30909



Front View of Building

Total Space Available:

1,000 SF

Rental Rate:

\$1,000 /Month

Property Type:

Property Sub-type:

Institutional/ Governmental

Additional Sub-types:

Creative/Loft Office Building **Medical Office** 

Building Size:

7.978 SF

**Building Class:** Year Built:

1080

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Suite 3-A

Space-Available:

1,000 SF

Rental Rate:

\$1,000 /Month

Space Type:

Institutional/ Governmental

Additional Space Types: Office Building

#### **Highlights**

Near Doctors Hospital

#### Description

Newly Renovated Fresh Paint and New Carpet Professional Free Standing Stucco building with approx 1,000 sf office space available upper floor. Suitable for medical or professional, insurance, CPA use. Landlord responsible for water, garbage and common area maintenance. Space has 4 offices, bathroom, break area, and receptionist area. Tenant responsible for pro-rate share of taxes / insurance. Tenant responsible for electric / digital lines.

Wheeler Road near entrance to Doctors Hospital, Augusta Exchange power center, and I-20 / Bobby Jones Exp ( I -520 ). Easy access to other areas such as Augusta Mall.

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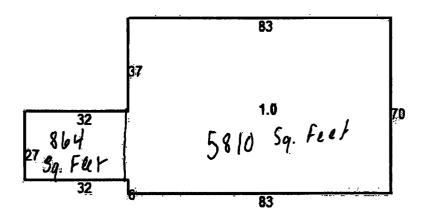
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